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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The rising cost of internet connectivity is an expense that becomes a significant burden as retirement and other limited sources of income fail to keep up. The availability of many options is the only safeguard we have against abuse by the giants. Clearly, it is the goal and advantage of the big corporations to control and dictate charges without recourse for the customer. We need the local carriers in the mix to prevent the scourge of the monopolizer. Please help.

Thank you.

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